

Working with animals Policy

This most commonly relates to our film work, though may also link to training, eg, horseriding courses.

All members are expected to

- Respect the animals, to not cause them harm or distress.
- Defer to the animals owner or trainer, in all cases of care, or if not certain how to approach or handle.
- To ensure that the animal has access to food, water, shade, rest, reassurance as applicable to its species.
- To not hit or kick an animal, or cause other abuse towards it.
- Report any concerns about the animals welfare to the animals owner and to the SDP committee immediately.
- Report any injured animal to the owner immediately, or if discovering an injured wild animal, to the SDP committee immediately.

In cases of filming involving horses or other animals, this will only take place with the animals owner or trainer present, and with advance planning. Only those deemed to be safe to work with the animals, will be permitted to do so. For example, if you have never ridden a horse, you will not be allowed to ride the horse for filming.